

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Jazlyn Davis
School: Bowsher
Class: Senior
Sport: Basketball

The Rebels' 5-6 senior guard, who will play next season at Southern California, recently climbed up to No. 2 on Bowsher's all-time scoring list

when she scored 18 points in a 80-39 rout of Bowling Green. It gave her 1,453 career points. Karen Mosley ranks No. 1 with 1,503 points.

SIDELINES

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MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Drew Lashaway
School: Eastwood
Class: Senior
Sport: Wrestling

With his 3-0 record at the Ohio Division II state dual meet tournament, the 130-pounder pushed his season mark to 20-0 and became the Eagles' all-time leader in career

wins with 118. He was 32-2 last season heading into the SLL tournament before a snowmobile accident ended his season.

NOTEBOOK

HOCKEY

The next generation
The colors are familiar and so is the name. Junior forward Tony Tantarini wears the green and gold for the Start hockey team just like his father, Paul Tantarini, did a quarter century ago as hard-hitting, fear-provoking enforcer for the Toledo Goshliggers of coach Ted Garvin.

Tony Tantarini has a knack for scoring, with 35 goals and 13 assists in 16 games for the 11-5-0 Spartans, who are first place in the Blue Division of the Northwest Hockey Conference. The younger Tantarini, a first-team All-Blue Division player last year as a sophomore, scored five goals in a win over Springfield, and last week scored four goals, including the game-winner with three minutes remaining, in a 5-4 victory over Perrysburg.

Is he anything like his father on the ice?
"Yes, he is," says Start coach Matt Oliver. "He gives 110 per cent every time he's out there. He's a good kid, and we always have a chance at scoring a goal when he's on the ice."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

NLL matchup
Perrysburg's Laura Markwood has been waiting for this day to arrive. Her the Yellow Jackets face Northern Lakes League rival Northview, the team expected to win the league championship. The game will take place tonight on the Wildcats' home floor.

Markwood's career record against the Wildcats is 1-3, including Perrysburg being swept by Northview last season. "Northview and us are pretty much the top teams in the league and every time we play it's always a tough game," Markwood said. "We have a good team and have a lot of talent. If we stay in control and do what we need to do I think we'll be all right."

SWIMMING

Making waves
Toledo Christian's Jacob Busch is putting together a stellar season. The junior ranks among the Northwest District's top swimmers in several events. He has posted the fastest time in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.56), 100 butterfly (53.38) and 100 free (49.80). Busch is also ranked among the top five in the 200 individual medley (2:06.19) and 50 free (22.52). His time in the 100 backstroke (52.78) is second-best in Ohio.

Notre Dame freshman Nikki Schnell-McCoy hasn't wasted time establishing herself as one of the premier girls swimmers in the area. She entered the week boasting the fastest times in the 200 free (2:00.40), 200 IM (2:18.48), 500 free (5:16.68) and 100 back (1:01.28).

Findlay's Brittany Webb owned the third-fastest time this season in the girls 500 free (24.71) heading into the new year. Bowling Green's Ryan Wichman's time of 4:54.76 for the boys 500 free ranked 10th-best in the state.

HALL OF FAME

Comet greats
The Genoa High School athletic hall of fame will introduce five new members when the school holds its seventh induction ceremony and dinner at the Genoa Town Hall on April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The new inductees will be Dean Hennen (1941), football, basketball, track; Lisa Witt Cruikshank (1990), basketball; Rob Lowe (1983) baseball, football; Tom Skes (1975), wrestling, cross country, track; and Dan Mathews (1969), football, basketball.

For information, contact Sue Brown or Jude Meyers at Genoa High School, 419-855-7735.

COACHING YOUR OWN CHILDREN

All in the family

It's not always easy, but sharing the experience can be very rewarding



Clay coach Roger Achter directs his daughter Kate, who leads the City League in scoring with 25.8 points per game.

BY STEVE JUNGA
BLADE SPORTS WRITER

One of the perks for some members of the coaching profession is the opportunity to work with their offspring.

When a father or mother coaches a son or daughter, the chance exists to form a closer bond between the family members.

But such arrangements can also come with considerable disruptive baggage. But most of the time, the family members involved are richer for the experience.

Take your daughter to work (every)day: Before Roger and Maryann Achter began having children (three daughters and a son), Roger hoped that they would have girls first. Why? Because he knew he would probably coach them some day and he didn't think he would be as tough on a girl as he would be a boy.

The former standout three-sport athlete from Clay (Class of 1979) got his wish. First came daughters Kate, who is now a senior at Clay, then Susan, a freshman, and Jessica, a seventh-grader, and finally son Ross, who is in fourth grade.

Kate is a standout three-sport athlete. She is a talented track athlete who excels in the sprints, hurdles and long jump, winning numerous league and district titles, as well as placing at the state meet. In the fall she is one of the area's top golfers.

But the sport that is taking her to Bowling Green State University on scholarship is basketball. The past two seasons she was named Great Lakes League player of the year after leading the Eagles to consecutive GLL titles.

This season she leads the City League in scoring at 25.8 points per game, having already posted games of 42 against Perrysburg, 43 against Scott and 37 against Waite.

"I think it's tougher on

Maryann than us," Roger said. "Kate and I have an understanding. When she doesn't meet my expectations, I let her have it. I'm probably harder on her than anybody else, but that's because I expect more from her.

"That's really not fair to her, but there's a couple reasons. Number one, she's my daughter, and her own expectations are high. Also, she's one of the better players in the area, and she's supposed to play at that level."

To avoid friction during practice, Roger leaves the personal instruction intended for Kate to assistant coaches John Free and Kevin Crosson.

"I hate to lose. I won't accept inferior performance and I'm very vocal," Roger said. "As the process has evolved it's gotten easier. At first I was impatient and unrealistic. I wanted things to happen right now, and I think Kate, too. It's been a learning and maturing experience for me. Believe it or not, I'm a lot more mellow now."

The coach-player experience has enriched their bond.

"The best part about this is the connection between my father and I, and the relationship that's been built," Kate said. "Not a lot of fathers and daughters get to do that. Basketball has given us a chance to do a lot of things together, spend a lot of time together and talk about life."

Ed and Ted's excellent adventure: St. John's Jesuit basketball coach Ed Heintschel insists he is not one of those guys who's life dream was to coach his son. In fact, when his older son, Damien, thought about trying out for the freshman team back in the early 1980s, it scared him away.

"He was a pretty good wrestler, so I told him not to come out," Heintschel said. "He would've gotten cut. Then he turned out to be a real good wrestler.

"I've never been one of those guys who said they were going to keep coaching until their sons came through, or that they couldn't wait to coach them."

Son No. 2, Ted Heintschel, now a junior starter for St. John's, first played for his father on CYO youth teams in grade school. Heintschel was on the team when he was 11.

But the Ed and Ted connection has already been met with plenty of adversity that had nothing to do with coach-player relations. If anyone had a dream to see this father-son matchup on the court it was wife-mother Cheryl Heintschel, but that was not to be.

Cheryl lost her battle with cancer the summer before Ted made the varsity squad as a sophomore last season.

Ted's contributions as sixth man to the Titans' run to the 2003 state semifinals were limited, however, when a



Bowling Green's Michael Graffin has been going to the gym with his father Von nearly all his life. Michael is the leading scorer for the Bobcats, who won a share of the NLL championship last season.



Dave Krauss' third son, Marc, is playing for him at Patrick Henry.

a wrestling bond which began when Ryan was 5. Dad still gets out the videotape of Ryan's first match every now and then just for a laugh.

"There's no doubt it's tough," Ralph said. "I can't tell when my other wrestlers are slipping up and not doing their extra running. Here at home, Ryan always knows he has an extra eye on him."

"The hardest thing for me is not being overbearing in the practice room and expecting him to beat everybody he comes up against. There's no doubt that I expect more out of him. When I go too far, that's when [assistant coach] Joe Wyatt steps in and reels me in a little bit."

Over the years this coach-wrestler connection has taken the Cubberlys to tournaments around Ohio and beyond.

"It can be tough," Ryan said. "You know they expect a lot of you. They want you to practice hard and set an example, and sometimes there's a lot of pressure. I've been wrestling a long time and, when I lose, I feel like I'm letting my teammates down."

That does not happen often. Ryan Cubberly was 46-3 as a freshman last season and placed third in the state in Division II. This season he is 14-2, with both losses coming in the tough Wadsworth Tournament.

"The good part is that my dad and the other coaches are pushing me so that I can accomplish more," Ryan said.

From the cradle to the court: For Bowling Green senior guard Michael Graffin, father Von Graffin didn't even wait until his son could walk. As an assistant coach under Bart Schroeder at the former Macomber High School in the mid and late 1980s, Von Graffin often brought his baby boy Michael to practice.

"I'd put him up in the bleachers, just far enough up so that he wouldn't get hit by any loose balls, and he'd sleep through practice," coach Graffin said. "So I guess you could say he's been around the game his whole life."

Von has a photograph of Macomber great Jim Jackson (now an NBA veteran) walking off the court after a game holding Michael's hand.

Fifteen years later Michael is the leading scorer at BG, a team that his father piloted to a Northern Lakes League co-championship last season in his first year as a head coach.

"He's tougher on me because, if I go easy, the rest of the team can go easy," Michael said. "When we're practicing and I don't get a defensive stop or something, he makes an example of me. But that's OK. I can handle it. It moti-

hates me, and I listen to what he tells me."

Von says Michael avoids the trappings of some coaches' sons for a few key reasons. First, the Bowling Green community has been very supportive. Second, although Michael played the most minutes last season as a junior, many players saw court time, and none averaged more than 11 points per game.

Most importantly, the coach knows that his son consistently works hard and has earned his right to play.

"Michael has lived Friday nights in the gym his whole life," Von said, "so this has been a natural process for us. I always wanted a chance to coach him and if I didn't have this chance now I would be out of coaching and watching him play."

Thrice is nice: When Patrick Henry basketball coach Dave Krauss was contemplating having his eldest son, Kyle, join the varsity squad as a freshman in the 1993-94 season, he sought out advice from some other area coaches who had worked with his sons.

"The thing that kept coming up first when I talked to these guys was, 'Don't bring the game home with you. Leave it at the gym.' And that's what I've always tried to do," Krauss said.

Things could not have gone better than in 1997, when the Patriots won the Division III state championship with Kyle as the senior point guard. Dave considers that, especially because he shared it with Kyle, a career highlight.

Krauss also coached middle son Eric, and is now on son No. 3, Marc, who is arguably the best overall athlete of the three. A top varsity player as a sophomore, the 6-2 sophomore was a first-team All-Ohio receiver in football. And baseball (he is a catcher who batted over .450 last season) is supposed to be his best sport.

"I think it was harder for [my dad] with the other two," Marc Krauss said. "He's more experienced with it now.

"For me, I like playing for my dad and I'm glad I'm getting the chance to share my high school experience with him. It's nice having him there for the tough times and this has brought us closer together."

Dave feels he's learned a little more each year he's worked with his sons, and at this point the relationship thing is no longer even remotely an issue.

"This is my ninth year coaching one of my sons," Dave said. "Kyle was the oldest, so he was the guinea pig. We had to work through some things, but we did. I've been lucky with all three boys that they've been surrounded by some good people [teammates]. That makes it a lot easier."

THE DOCKET

WRESTLING

Tomorrow: The Perrysburg Invitational Tournament, better known to local wrestling buffs as simply "The Pitt," begins at 4:30 p.m. The 24-team event resumes Saturday at 10 a.m. and concludes with finals at 6 p.m.

This year's field includes Bryan, Clay, Cleveland St. Ignatius, Dayton Carroll, Dayton Oakwood, Defiance, Delta, Dublin Coffman, Findlay, Fostoria, Hilliard Davidson, Lima Shawnee, Maumee, Medina, Napoleon, North Royalton, Oak Harbor, Springfield, St. John's Jesuit, Sunbury Big Walnut, Tiffin Columbian, Tinora and Waite.

SWIMMING

Jan. 16: The Sylvania Invitational takes place at Northview, with diving at 4 p.m. and swimming at 6 p.m. Several of the top programs in the area will take part.

Jan. 17: Napoleon will play host for the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships.

BASKETBALL

Saturday: St. John's Jesuit will get another big test when the Titans meet Cincinnati Princeton at 2:15 p.m. at Value City Arena in Columbus, the third of seven games in the Ohio Scholastic Play-by-Play Classic.

Ross Morn of Princeton is one of the nation's top juniors. Tickets are \$12, \$16 and \$25, and \$10 for high school students; available at the Schottstein Center, through Kroger Ticketmaster Centers, on-line at ticketmaster.com, and by phone at 1-800-GO-BUCKS.

GYMNASTICS

Saturday: The Southwest Invitational, with 16 teams, will take place at Sunrise Gymnastics Academy.

BCSN HIGHLIGHTS

Today
Girls basketball: Scott vs. Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Men's basketball: Columbus State vs. Owens CC, 8:30

Tomorrow
Girls basketball: Rossford vs. Maumee, 8:30 p.m.; Perrysburg vs. Northview, 8:30

Saturday
Women's basketball: Clark State vs. Owens CC, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday
Hockey: Bowling Green vs. Southview, 3 p.m.; Francis vs. Northview, 5 p.m.; Southview vs. St. John's, 7 p.m.

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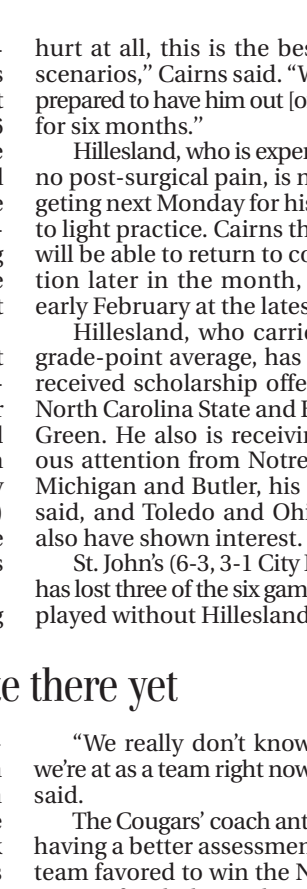
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